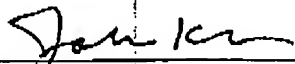


**REMARKS**

Claims 2 - 5, 24 - 41 and 46 - 50 remain pending. As discussed during the interview of October 24, 2002 between applicant's undersigned attorney and Examiner Verdier, the above referenced claims are being canceled. Applicant thanks Examiner Verdier for his participation in the interview.

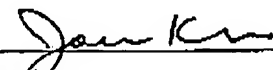
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